

## SOME WAYS YOU CAN TAKE ACTION

- *Become a member of your local Neighborhood Watch program.*
- *Develop and test a safety plan with your family.*
- *Take a course in First Aid or CPR through the Red Cross.*
- *Become trained as a member of your local Community Emergency Response Team.*
- *Prepare for emergencies by collecting supplies for a Disaster Kit at home and in your car.*
- *Educate yourself on potential Disasters and ways to deal with emergencies for up to 72 hours.*
- *Assist the elderly and others with physical challenges.*
- *Become a donor.*



Communities face many challenges following disasters. Serving the needs of families and individuals to restore safety and routine services is something that we can all participate in.



When communities are impacted by disasters, volunteers respond with time, talent, donations and financial support. Local governments need to be prepared to tap into this increasingly important resource.



When this July 1992 Tornado struck Anthony Wayne Middle School in Whitehouse, Ohio, volunteers from the community mobilized to reduce the damage and make repairs. As a result, classes resumed on schedule in the Fall.



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No one likes to think about disasters whether they be floods, fires, tornados, chemical spills or acts of terrorism. But not thinking about disasters will not make our community safer nor stronger. Being ready and being prepared is the best way to ensure that communities throughout Lucas County can handle the challenges that must be met.

"We are embracing an opportunity to offer citizens a way to serve their neighbors and friends in times that require us to pull together as a community," says Lucas County Commissioner Harry Barlos.

### Uniting Communities, Preparing the Nation.

Access the Lucas County Website:  
[www.co.lucas.oh.us](http://www.co.lucas.oh.us)

# Our Citizen Corps Mission

The mission of Lucas County Citizen Corps is to harness the power of every individual through education, training, and volunteer service to make our communities safer, stronger, and better prepared to respond to the threats of terrorism, crime, public health issues, and disasters of all kinds.



Many disasters strike without warning and overwhelm local emergency responders. Volunteers can help to make any response more effective and speed recovery.

The Lucas County Citizen Corps mission will be accomplished through a network of local public and private organizations. Our Council will build on community strengths to implement the Citizen Corps programs and will carry out a local strategy to have every citizen participate.



## CITIZEN CORPS PROGRAMS

Community Emergency Response Teams, CERT

Medical Reserve Corps, MRC

Volunteers in Police Service, VIPS

Neighborhood (USA On-) Watch

## LUCAS COUNTY CITIZEN CORPS PARTNERS

Board of Lucas County Commissioners

Lucas County Sheriff's Office

Lucas County Engineer's Office

Toledo-Lucas County Health Dept

Area Office on Aging for Northwest Ohio

Lucas County Education Service Center

Mayor, City of Toledo

Mayor, City of Maumee

City of Toledo Police & Fire

City of Oregon Police

Monclova Township Fire

Shumaker, Loop & Kendrick, LLP

ProMedica Health Systems

United Way's Volunteer Center

American Red Cross

The Salvation Army

Toledo (Neighborhood) Block Watch

**"WE CAN BE AFRAID OR WE CAN BE READY."** SEC. TOM RIDGE

Following the attack on September 11, 2001 Americans acted with courage, compassion and unity. To capture this spirit and foster an American culture of service, citizenship and responsibility, President George W. Bush made an appeal to all Americans to dedicate themselves to a new spirit of volunteerism. The President called on every American for a commitment of 4,000 hours in service to others.

We all have a role in hometown security. Citizen Corps asks you to embrace the personal responsibility to be prepared; to get training in first aid and emergency skills; and to volunteer to support local emergency responders, disaster relief, and community safety.



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